reduced from 20% (minimum) to 19% (minimum) per annum w.e.f. 2nd March, 1992. The Reserve Bank of India has also constituted a Committee to review the arrangements for meeting the working capital requirements to the SSI Sector, review the guidelines for the rehabilitation of Sick SSI Units, and examine any other related matters.

Pre – Shipment Inspection of Goods by a Swiss Multi – National Company

2871. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have taken any decision in regard to handing over the pre–shipment inspection of goods imported into the country to a swiss multi–national company;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). There is no formal proposal under consideration of the Government for engaging the services of any pre–shipment inspection agency for inspection of goods imported into the country.

Travelling Facilities to Freedom Fighters in D.T.C. Buses

2872. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide free traveling facility to freedom fighters in DTC buses;

(b) if so, by what time a decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). DTC is already providing free all route passes to all those freedom fighters who are residents of Delhi and are drawing freedom fighters' Pension. These passes are valid in all types of city bus services except Tourist Services, Palam Coach and Green Line Services of DTC.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) and (b) above.

Import of Jute Bags

2873. SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARAYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to import jute bags from Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the likely effect of such import on the jute industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

UNCTAD Meeting

2874. SHRI RABI RAY:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India participated in the meeting of UNCTAD held recently;

(b) if so, the outcome of the point discussed in the meeting; and